SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA: Sir, in view of the elucidation given by the Chair and the Treasury Benches, I beg leave to withdraw the motion.

The motion, by leave of the House, was withdrawn.

The motion that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 2,52,774 under DEMAND VIII—JAILS was put to vote and carried.

The demand was passed and the grant was made.

DEMAND IX—POLICE.

MR. S. PARTHASARATHI IYENGAR (*Inspector-General of Police*): Sir, I beg leave to move that the House be pleased to grant a sum of Rs. 16,77,371 under Demand IX—Police.

SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA: Sir, I do not wish to move the motion standing in my name.

PRESIDENT: Mr. P. S. Mohamed.

MR. P. S. MOHAMED: Sir, I do not move.

MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli*): Sir, I move to reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,57,084 for Superintendence by Re. 1 to discuss the inefficiency of the Police Department and to bring to the notice of the Government the necessity of increasing efficiency.

Sir, in moving this motion, I have to bring to the notice of this House that the Department that is responsible for the keeping up of the peace and tranquility of the State is the Police Department. The Police Department is responsible for the maintenance of law and order. Sir, if one is to turn through the pages of the Administration Report presented to us for the year 1118, he will find that the number of crimes have definitely increased from the year 1117. I ask what the reason for this increase in the number of crimes is? The number of murders committed in 1117 was 99. In 1118, the number of murders recorded is 119. Sir, I am not sure whether this will also be attributed to the activities of the State Congress. But I hope there was not a single instance where a State Congress man was charged before a District Court for an offence of murder.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Sir, one question. Is this not due to the better efficiency of the Department in the matter of detection of crimes?

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: Sir, on a statement of fact. I wish to make this statement. Six of the accused in the Pangode case admitted before the Court that they were members of the State Congress.

MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI: Here, you are narrating stories of offences that have been committed long ago. Sir, I venture to question those confessions.

Sir, the honourable member has brought me exactly to the point which I wanted to bring to the notice of the honourable House. Much

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is said by honourable member, the Legal Remembrancer that they were State Congress men. I admit that they were arrayed as accuseds, and I will be casting a reflection upon the Judiciary in the State if I say that even the charge of those six accused persons is questionable. There were days when the very fact of being a member of the State Congress was enough reason for the Police to take that person to the Court. That was the way in which the Police were managing things. Moreover, that was the time when the Police Commissioner or the Inspector-General of Police, as he is given title now, was one who was absolutely unscrupulous to the sentiments of the people. He had been brought to Travancore to preach loyalty to the citizens of Travancore. I do not know whether he is preaching loyalty now. I am sure he is not preaching loyalty to our Highness to the people beyond the Ghats.

Sir, to come back, the number of crimes has definitely increased even though the Legal Remembrancer may deny it. My honourable friend Mr. Velayudhan Pillai was telling me that there is an increase in the number of crimes detected. But I say it is not so. The amount of lost property recovered in 1118 is lower than the amount of lost property recovered in 1117.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: But, the number of cases of property lost.....

MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI: I shall be very thankful if the honourable member will be more clear in his expressions and louder in his tone.

PRESIDENT: Order, order. I think I have to make one point clear. Quite often, the Chair has requested the honourable members to speak louder. If the honourable members will not accommodate each other by enabling themselves to be heard, it is both the fault of the speaker and of the hearer. But, so far as the honourable member who has just resumed his seat is concerned, the honourable member need not take notice of any interruption. This is the usual procedure.

MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI: The most disrespectful way the Police officers behave towards the law-abiding citizens of the State is really scandalous. From the way in which he behaves to the law-abiding citizens of the State, it would seem as though the Police constable, drawing a salary of Rs. 14 or 15—I do not know what it is, but I am sure, it will be only one by one-hundred-and-fiftieth of the salary of the Inspector-General; that much I am sure—feels that he is the "monarch of all he surveys". Sir, I shall quote any number of instances where absolutely false reports have been made against persons who are innocent. Complaints have been lodged in courts against innocent men. These complaints have been lodged by the Police at the instigation of certain officials of the Government simply because these persons belonged to the unfortunate and unhappy organisation the State Congress. If a citizen happens to be a member of the State Congress, he is pestered by the C. I. D. The C. I. D. follows him wherever he goes and the sacred book of the Government is the C. I. D. report and in

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[Mr. S. Sankaranarayanan Tampi.]

accusing the State Congress, chapters and verses are quoted from the C. I. D. reports.

PRESIDENT: No, honourable member may rest assured on that.

MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI: Sir, I thank you for the correction. I do not think that instances are wanting where the C. I. D.....

PRESIDENT: Order, order. Now that this matter has been brought to my notice, I wish to make the position clear. I myself have been the object of attention of the C. I. D., I have been for a certain number of years administrating the C. I. D. in the Province of Madras, and I could speak with some specific knowledge of the procedure employed in these matters, Government do not rely upon the C. I. D. reports by themselves. They get reports from various sources and it is only if the reports from two or three or more separate sources tally that Government act upon any report. That is the general rule and honourable member might take it that, generally speaking, these C. I. D. reports by some Police officers are not by themselves the motive force.

MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI: Sir, to quote one instance, the correctness of which may be questioned from the Chair— I do not know—but, of course if I am taken as a representative of the people you will have to believe me.....

PRESIDENT: Honourable members might be absoluetly sure that any statement made on their own responsibility by honourable members will be taken at its full face value unless and until the Government have in their possession material to contradict that statement.

MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI: Sir, I state the following on my own responsibility. I have come across with this experience myself. In connection with the recent election campaign, a Police constable on duty at Ambalapuzha took leave for 6 or 7 days and was going about Karunagapalli taluk inducing people not to vote for the State Congress candidate. When that fact was brought to my notice, I called that particular police constable and asked him about the matter. I do not mention the name of the police constable for fear that he might be promoted for that.

PRESIDENT: What does the honourable member mean by saying that if the name of the police constable who did that is mentioned, Government will at once reward him.

MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI: May I say—

PRESIDENT: No. What the honourable member just now made is an insinuation. Will the honourable member withdraw that?

MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI: Sir, I am prepared to withdraw whatever statement I may make which.....

PRESIDENT: The honourable member has stated with a sense of responsibility as he prefaced in his remarks that, if a certain police

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man misbehaved, the honourable member does not wish to bring his name to the notice of this House or the Government, because Government may at once promote him for that misbehaviour. That was the statement which the honourable member uttered in this honourable House, which means that the honourable member makes a charge deliberately against Government. He makes an insinuation in that, the Government are out to promote people who behave badly. That is an insinuation and is against parliamentary procedure. I appeal to the honourable member to withdraw that statement before proceeding further.

MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI: Sir, I did not mean that.

PRESIDENT: Will the honourable member withdraw that statement?

MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI: A word of explanation, Sir. What I meant by that statement was -

PRESIDENT: No Did not the honourable member make use of the expression that if the police constable's name was mentioned here, he would be promoted?

MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI: Not exactly so, Sir.

PRESIDENT: I now ask the honourable House whether anybody heard Mr. Sankaranarayanan Tampi, an honourable member of this House using the expression "I am afraid to mention the name of the constable because he might be promoted"?

(Cries of "Sir, we heard that statement" from many honourable members of the House.)

Will the honourable member deny the statement uttered by him?

MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI: I withdraw it, Sir.

Sir, I approached this constable who was going about the place influencing people and threatening them not to vote for the State Congress candidate. I asked him what he meant by such actions. He said in reply, "Alright, Sir, I know what will happen and how you will be treated by the Dewan." Such was the reply. Sir, now I ask, is this the way in which the administration of the department should be conducted. Is this the way in which a police constable and other officers of Government should behave towards very responsible political bodies. I appeal to the honourable members of the House to view my statements dispassionately, to view them without passion and prejudice stepping in to influence their discretion to vote on this motion. With these words, I commend my motion.

The motion was put to vote and declared lost.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 16,77,371 under Demand IX—Police Department was put and carried.

The Demand was passed and the grant was made.

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PRESIDENT: I am sorry to inform the honourable House that I did not anticipate the speed with which the business of the House has now been transacted. It is learnt now that the cut motions and other relevant papers relating to Medical and other Demands that follow are not ready. I am afraid there is no alternative but to adjourn the House. With the leave of the honourable House, I will give one more hour after 6 o' clock for the purpose of discussion, if there is no objection, on one of the following days. Or, that hour may be distributed for two days at the rate of half an hour each day. I think the honourable House is agreeable to this.

(All members agreed to this view.)

The House adjourned at 5-10 P. M. to meet again at 12— o' clock on Thursday the 24th August 1944.

S. VAIDYANATHA AIYAR,
Secretary to the Sri Mulam Assembly.

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